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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

23 CR 370 (JGLC)

5 JOSEPH LEWIS, PATRICK  
6 O'CONNOR, BRYAN MARTY WAUGH,

Conference

7 Defendants.

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New York, N.Y.  
August 8, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

9 Before:

10 HON. JESSICA G.L. CLARKE,

11 District Judge

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1 THE COURT: We are here in *United States v. Lewis*,  
2 *et al.*

3 Counsel, please state your name for the record,  
4 starting with the government.

5 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, good morning. Jason Richman  
6 and Nicolas Roos, for the government. With us at counsel table  
7 today is Special Agent Tyler Whitecomb, from the Federal Bureau  
8 of Investigation.

9 THE COURT: Good morning.

10 MR. ZORNOW: Good morning, your Honor. David Zornow,  
11 Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, I'm joined by my  
12 colleagues, Chris Gunther and Steven Glaser, for Mr. Lewis.

13 THE COURT: Good morning.

14 MR. CROWLEY: Good morning, your Honor. Shawn  
15 Crowley, from Kaplan Hecker & Fink, and my colleagues, Mike  
16 Ferrara and Anne Yearwood, and we represent Pat O'Connor, who's  
17 seated to my right.

18 THE COURT: Good morning.

19 MR. LEWIN: Good morning, Judge. Nicholas Lewin, from  
20 Krieger Kim & Lewin, I'm joined by my colleague, Oleg Shik,  
21 who's seated behind me, for Marty Waugh, who's seated right to  
22 my left.

23 THE COURT: Good morning.

24 MR. LEWIN: Good morning, Judge.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Lewis — who we have on by phone —

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1 Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Waugh, I am Judge Clarke, the district  
2 judge assigned to your case, and we are here for an initial  
3 conference to set a schedule.

4 Mr. Lewis, can you hear me okay?

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6 DEFENDANT LEWIS: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: If at any point, you can't hear me or  
8 can't hear anything that's happening, please speak up and let  
9 us know.

10 DEFENDANT LEWIS: Yes, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: And you understand, Mr. Lewis, that you  
12 have a right to attend this conference in person?

13 DEFENDANT LEWIS: Yes, your Honor. I am in a hospital  
14 at the moment.

15 THE COURT: You discussed that right with your  
16 counsel?

17 DEFENDANT LEWIS: I did, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: And you waived the right to appear in  
19 person today?

20 DEFENDANT LEWIS: I did, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 Let's start.

23 Mr. Richman, could I have a report on the nature of  
24 this case?

25 MR. RICHMAN: Of course, your Honor. Thank you.

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1           The defendants are charged in an indictment with  
2 participating in a series of multiple schemes to violate the  
3 securities laws of the United States through insider trading.  
4 There's an additional count, your Honor, that only charges  
5 Mr. Lewis with false reporting in relation to some SEC-required  
6 reporting.

7           THE COURT: Great.

8           Does the government anticipate filing any superseding  
9 indictments adding any defendants or adding any additional  
10 charges?

11           MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, I would say the  
12 investigation is ongoing. As I stand here today, the answer is  
13 no. That could change, and if it does, we will, of course,  
14 promptly notify the Court, both as to additional defendants and  
15 as to additional charges against these defendants.

16           THE COURT: Great.

17           Would you please describe the current status of  
18 discovery?

19           MR. RICHMAN: Certainly, Judge. Thank you.

20           We sent a proposed protective order to the defendants  
21 yesterday, your Honor. It's a pretty standard protective order  
22 for our office. We look forward to engaging with counsel on  
23 that protective order, and we will submit it to your Honor as  
24 soon as, hopefully, we reach some agreement on it.

25           As soon as we do, we're going to start rolling out

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1 discovery productions. Discovery is an extremely large volume  
2 of material, and we've discussed this with defense counsel  
3 before today. We think there will be over 20 terabytes of data  
4 in total, millions of pages of documents. The material  
5 includes five electronic devices, 14 email accounts, 11 iCloud  
6 accounts, 2703(d) returns, materials received from the SEC, and  
7 additional materials received pursuant to subpoenas and other  
8 process issued by the government.

9 We would anticipate, your Honor, producing material on  
10 a rolling basis. We believe that we can produce the bulk of  
11 the material within 60 days, with one exception, which I'll  
12 come to in a moment.

13 We are still -- the exception, your Honor, is that  
14 there is still a privilege review and then a responsiveness  
15 review to be done for iCloud accounts. The reason being,  
16 Judge, we received a warrant earlier this year as to those  
17 accounts. The volume is extremely large, and that process is  
18 still being undertaken by the FBI. We will turn over the  
19 warrant underlying those accounts as soon as we start producing  
20 discovery, and then we would propose producing the accounts  
21 themselves on a rolling basis. And, as I mentioned, there's a  
22 privilege review that's being undertaken, and then there will  
23 be a responsiveness review on top of that.

24 That material, again, it's a large volume, we don't  
25 know what's in there, and those are cloud accounts, so it could

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1 be anything from messages to movies and things like that.

2 THE COURT: Just on that point, how long do you think  
3 it will take for you to review and produce that?

4 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, we discussed this a little  
5 bit with defense counsel before.

6 We hope to be in a position to better answer that  
7 question this week. Some of that material just came down  
8 recently. We would hope that we're able to get that out sort  
9 of on a similar timeline, but we would flag for the Court that  
10 we can't make any guarantees. We're happy, of course, to keep  
11 the Court apprised of our progress as it's going. If it's  
12 taking us longer, we will apprise the Court of that, and if we  
13 get it done sooner, we will let the Court know as well.

14 THE COURT: Is there any reason to think it wouldn't  
15 be produced within 90 days, everything produced within 90 days?

16 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, I certainly hope not. I  
17 don't want to sort of get out in front of my skis and make that  
18 prediction or guarantee at this point. I think we would hope  
19 to be done within 90 days, but, again, we could keep the Court  
20 updated as we're going. And I would emphasize, Judge, this is  
21 a portion of the material, not all of it, and we will produce  
22 the warrant as soon as we start producing discovery.

23 THE COURT: So why don't we have all discovery  
24 produced within 90 days. If you need additional time, you can  
25 come back to me if there's a good cause to extend that

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1 deadline, but we'll set 90 days for now.

2 And, as I understand it, Mr. Richman, you will be  
3 producing things on a rolling basis, correct?

4 MR. RICHMAN: Absolutely, Judge.

5 THE COURT: Great.

6 Mr. Zornow --

7 MR. ZORNOW: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: -- would you like to look over discovery  
9 and talk to your client and then come back at a later date to  
10 set motions and trial date?

11 MR. ZORNOW: Yes, your Honor. Given the volume of  
12 material that we're going to be receiving, it's going to take  
13 us some time to review it intelligently and be in a position to  
14 suggest a timetable for the Court for motions. So we would  
15 suggest exactly what you're proposing.

16 THE COURT: Ms. Crowley and Mr. Lewis?

17 MR. CROWLEY: Yes, your Honor, we agree with that.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Lewin?

19 DEFENDANT LEWIS: Same, Judge. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Zornow, based on what you've heard,  
21 how much time do you think you need to review -- I know it might  
22 be difficult to estimate -- just to be in a position to assess  
23 whether there are any motions that you might want to make?

24 MR. ZORNOW: I'd say that's very hard to predict, your  
25 Honor, but, certainly, we're going to need some significant

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1 period of time after we receive all this stuff. I would say on  
2 the assumption we're reviewing it as we're getting it, and if  
3 we're getting it on a prompt basis, maybe 60 days after the 90.

4 THE COURT: Great.

5 Any objection to that timeline, Ms. Crowley and  
6 Mr. Lewin?

7 MR. CROWLEY: No, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Lewin?

9 MR. LEWIN: No, Judge, that's fine.

10 THE COURT: Great.

11 I don't have my calendar in front of me. Give me one  
12 moment.

13 (Pause)

14 THE COURT: Again, all discovery will be due  
15 November 10th.

16 And then we will set the next conference for  
17 January 10th, at 10:00 a.m.

18 Any concerns with that date?

19 MR. ZORNOW: No, that's fine, your Honor.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Not from the government. Thank you,  
21 your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Great.

23 I'm also going to set the expert disclosure deadline  
24 now. Any expert disclosures from the government will be due  
25 60 days before trial. Any expert disclosures from the defense



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1 will be due 30 days before trial. To the extent that the  
2 parties think this case warrants a different timeline, you can  
3 either let me know at the next conference or by letter motion.

4 I also see that a Rule 5(f) order has been issued in  
5 this matter, and although it's on the docket, I'm going to  
6 remind the government again of its obligations here today.

7 So pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure  
8 5(f), I remind the prosecution of its obligation under *Brady v.*  
9 *Maryland* and its progeny to disclose to the defense all  
10 information, whether admissible or not, that is favorable to  
11 the defendant, material either to guilt or to punishment, and  
12 known to the prosecution. The prosecution must make good-faith  
13 efforts to disclose such information to the defense as soon as  
14 reasonably possible. Failure to do so may result in any number  
15 of consequences, including a continuance, sanctions, dismissal,  
16 or vacatur of a conviction.

17 Does the prosecution confirm that it understands its  
18 obligations and either has or will fulfill them?

19 MR. RICHMAN: I do, your Honor. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 And, Mr. Richman, are there any other matters before I  
22 ask about the Speedy Trial Clock?

23 MR. RICHMAN: Just one additional subset of matters,  
24 your Honor.

25 As to bail, a couple of issues were left open at our

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1 initial appearance.

2 The first one, Judge, was the amount of the personal  
3 recognizance bond for Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Waugh. We have now  
4 conferred with the defense, and we would propose that a  
5 \$250,000 personal recognizance bond makes sense for both  
6 defendants. We understand the Court can order that, and then  
7 we can deal with Magistrate's Court as to the logistics of  
8 getting the bond amended.

9 THE COURT: Is there any objection?

10 MR. CROWLEY: I believe that amount was actually set  
11 at the arraignment.

12 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. If it was, then it was, and we  
13 misunderstood, Judge. We thought it was left open, but that's  
14 fine.

15 THE COURT: Okay. If there's any dispute about that,  
16 just please come back to me, and we will deal with it quickly.

17 Anything else?

18 MR. RICHMAN: As to Mr. Lewis, your Honor, there were  
19 two tranches of the bond, Judge; one was a secured bond by  
20 Mr. Lewis, and then there were two cosigners. The amount of  
21 responsibility for the two cosigners was left open at the  
22 arraignment. We propose that that number should be \$500,000,  
23 and that will be amended on the bond accordingly.

24 In addition, your Honor, we remain in negotiations or  
25 conversations with Mr. Lewis' counsel about his posting of

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1 certain assets. We will not complete that by the deadline, so  
2 the parties would jointly request an additional seven days to  
3 complete those conversations.

4 THE COURT: That's fine.

5 Any objection, Mr. Zornow?

6 MR. ZORNOW: No, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Great.

8 Any other matters from defense counsel?

9 MR. LEWIN: Yes, Judge.

10 With respect to your Honor's Rule 3(a), I was hoping  
11 to briefly address that with the Court.

12 THE COURT: Sure.

13 MR. LEWIN: Thank you, Judge.

14 Your Honor's Rule 3(a), in the individual rules and  
15 practices in criminal cases, reads, as your Honor knows,  
16 "Whenever defense counsel has received, or is receiving, a  
17 benefactor payment that subjects counsel to a conflict of  
18 interest, said counsel must inform the Court and request a  
19 *Curcio* hearing at the first conference."

20 So, Judge, I was hoping to sort of address first the  
21 facts and then explain why we – and I believe counsel for  
22 Mr. O'Connor will join – don't believe that a *Curcio* is  
23 necessary.

24 So, Judge, first, with respect to the facts:

25 Mr. Waugh's attorney fees and expenses are, in fact,

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1 being covered through a benefactor or third-party payor.  
2 Specifically, Mr. Waugh is employed by Tavistock Aviation,  
3 Incorporated. Tavistock Aviation, Incorporated, is affiliated  
4 with an entity called Tavistock Financial, LLC. Both Tavistock  
5 Financial, LLC, and Tavistock Aviation are closely affiliated  
6 with Joe Lewis, the codefendant in this case.

7 Mr. Waugh's attorneys' fees and all expenses are being  
8 paid, and will be paid, throughout the pendency of this  
9 proceeding and the parallel SEC proceeding, to the extent that  
10 happens, by Tavistock Financial, LLC. So, obviously, we are  
11 disclosing to the Court that we are receiving benefactor  
12 payment.

13 That said, Judge, it's our position that those  
14 payments do not – and I am quoting your Honor's rules now –  
15 subject counsel to a conflict of interest. We have, pursuant  
16 to New York Rule of Professional Conduct 1.8(f), reviewed the  
17 potential conflict of interest with Mr. Waugh, which is, of  
18 course, twofold, Judge – it's first that our duty of loyalty  
19 could theoretically be compromised by our interest in receiving  
20 payment from a third party; and, second, that a duty of  
21 confidentiality could somehow be violated by us. I've also, to  
22 be frank, assured Mr. Waugh that neither of those things will  
23 happen, but we have discussed that.

24 In addition, we have received informed consent from  
25 the beginning of this representation, which is when these

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1 payments commenced. We have received written informed consent  
2 from Mr. Waugh to proceed. And we understand and have conveyed  
3 our obligations to both direct all our duties of loyalty to  
4 Mr. Waugh and our duty of confidentiality to him.

5 So, in this case, Judge, we are receiving benefactor  
6 payments. We don't think a *Curcio* hearing is necessary because  
7 we don't think those payments subject us to a conflict of  
8 interest. Thank you, Judge.

9 THE COURT: Anything else from Ms. Crowley?

10 MR. CROWLEY: I have nothing to add other than  
11 Mr. Lewin is correct that Mr. O'Connor is in the same position,  
12 which is that our fees are being paid by Tavistock Financial  
13 and will be throughout the litigation.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, do you have a position on  
15 this?

16 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, I think our initial take is  
17 that taking all that at face value, of course, it would seem to  
18 make sense to put it on the record through Mr. Waugh and  
19 Mr. O'Connor, and then we could move forward.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 Why don't we schedule additional time to go over this.  
22 So please submit a letter motion about this issue, and we'll  
23 schedule additional time for a potential hearing.

24 MR. LEWIN: Yes, Judge, we'll do that, and we'll do it  
25 quickly.

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1 THE COURT: Thank you.

2 Anything else?

3 MR. RICHMAN: Just the exclusion of time, your Honor,  
4 which we're happy to handle now.

5 THE COURT: Great. Go ahead.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

7 The government would move to exclude time, pursuant to  
8 the Speedy Trial Act, from today through January 10th of 2024,  
9 to allow the parties to negotiate a protective order, to allow  
10 the government to begin producing discovery, to allow the  
11 defendants to review that discovery and contemplate motion  
12 practice, and to allow the parties to discuss potential  
13 pretrial dispositions of this matter.

14 THE COURT: Any objection?

15 MR. ZORNOW: No, your Honor, on behalf of Mr. Lewis.

16 MR. CROWLEY: No, your Honor.

17 MR. LEWIN: No, Judge. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Great.

19 I will exclude time from today until January 10th,  
20 2024. I find that the ends of justice served by excluding such  
21 time outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in  
22 a speedy trial. It will permit discovery to be produced and  
23 evaluated by defense counsel and defendants.

24 Accordingly, the Court excludes the time from today's  
25 date until January 10th, 2024, from the Speedy Trial Act

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1 calculation, pursuant to 3161(h)(7)(A).

2 Thank you, all.

3 (Adjourned)